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USMISSION GENEVA

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AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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SUBJ: UNCTAD INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE MEETING

ON RUBBER

REF: (A) STATE 214684, (B) 238697

1. MISSION PRESENTED A PAPER CONVEYING THE US POSITION
ON THE SUBJECT MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A TO
MICHAEL CENDROWICZ, WHO IS NOW HANDLING RUBBER COMMODITY
NEGOTIATIONS IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL
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AFFAIRS (DG-I) AND WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE OCTOBER
10-21 MEETING. THE PRELIMINARY ECONOMETRIC STUDY,
FORWARDED BY REF B, WAS ALSO GIVEN TO CENDROWICZ WHO
PROMISED TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS
INVOLVED IN TECHNICAL STUDIES OF THE WORLD RUBBER MARKET.
HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO REVIEW THE STUDY AND FORMULATE
COMMENTS.

2. CENDROWICZ ON OCTOBER 4 GAVE MISSION OFFICER THE INFORMAL COMMISSION REACTION TO THE US POSITION: (A) THE COMMISSION IS PLEASED WITH THE RANGE OF SUBJECTS PROPOSED BY THE US FOR STUDY IN REF A AND HAS NO SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS; (B) THERE ARE DIVERGENCES AMONG THE EC MEMBER STATES ON THE NEED FOR A COMMODITY AGREEMENT ON RUBBER, INCLUDING BUFFER STOCKS (FRG IS REPORTEDLY NEGATIVE); THE COMMISSION FAVORS THE BROAD APPROACH SUGGESTED BY THE US FOR NEXT WEEK'S INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE MEETING ON RUBBER AND BELIEVES IT SHOULD BE PURELY EXPLORATORY AND ANALYTICAL IN NATURE AND NOT SEEK COMMITMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS; (D) IN RESPONSE TO PARA 12, REF B, CENDROWICZ STATED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS PREPARED SOME INTERNAL TECHNICAL PAPERS ON THE WORLD RUBBER MARKET, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF WHICH IS ONE ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE EC OF POSSIBLE RUBBER STOCKPILES (HE DOUBTS THESE WOULD BE OF VALUE FOR THE US); (E) CENDROWICZ FULLY AGREES ON THE NEED FOR CLOSE CONSUMER COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE US DELEGATION IN GENEVA.

3. CENDROWICZ ALSO RAISED A FEW QUESTIONS WHICH HE HOPED COULD BE ANSWERED BY THE US SIDE IN THE COURSE OF NEXT WEEK'S MEETING: (A) THE COMMISSION HAS HEARD VARIOUS "RUMORS" REGARDING THE US POLICY TOWARD THE ADVISABILITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ESTABLISHING RUBBER BUFFER STOCKS. WHAT IS THE CURRENT US POSITION ON SUCH STOCKS AND ON THE BEST WAY OF STABILIZING THE WORLD RUBBER MARKETS? (B) WHAT IS ACTUAL US EXPERIENCE IN REGARD TO ANNUAL COSTS FOR MAINTAINING RUBBER STOCKPILES? (CENDROWICZ NOTED THAT DURING HIS MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH 1977, THE DEPARTMENT HAD INDICATED THAT SUCH OPERATING COST INFORMATION WAS PROBABLY AVAILABLE AND WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE EC.)

4. MISSION WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANSWERS TO CENDROWICZ' QUESTIONS IN 3 ABOVE. HINTON

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